

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Casper on March 9, 2010 and subsequently on Wednesday March 31, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

- **Please replace the listing of claims with the following:**

1 -16 (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) An improved power assisted lever arm ratchet wrench comprising:

a ~~ratchet~~ handle containing an air drive motor, an air line connection furnished to the ~~ratchet~~ handle;

a threaded drive extension sleeve mounting collar mounted on the ~~ratchet~~ handle;

a drive shaft protruding from the ~~ratchet~~ handle and surrounded by the threaded drive extension sleeve mounting collar;

an ~~ratchet~~ extension sleeve having a first end formed as an threaded interface collar and having a second end formed as an interface thread, wherein the first end of

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the ~~ratchet~~ extension sleeve is attached to the threaded drive extension sleeve mounting collar of the ~~ratchet~~ handle;

an ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft having a first end and a second end, wherein the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft is disposed substantially parallel to the ~~ratchet~~ extension sleeve;

a drive socket attached to the first end of the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft and connected to the drive shaft protruding from the ~~ratchet~~ handle;

a drive tang formed at the second end of the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft;

wherein support of the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft consists of the first end of the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft attached to the drive socket and of the second end of the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft attached to the drive tang;

wherein a length between an engagement point of the drive socket of the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft and an engagement point of the drive tang of the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft is essentially equal to a length between an engagement point of the threaded interface collar of the ~~ratchet~~ extension sleeve and an engagement point of the interface thread of the ~~ratchet~~ extension sleeve;

a ratchet head having a drive shaft and having a threaded collar attached to an the interface thread of the second end of the ~~ratchet~~ extension sleeve and wherein the drive tang of the second end of the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft is attached to the ~~ratchet~~ head drive shaft of the ratchet head; and

wherein the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft is unsupported apart from support furnished to the drive socket of the first end of the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft and to the drive tang of the second end of the ~~ratchet~~ extension shaft; and

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wherein the ~~ratchet~~ handle is directly and operably attachable/detachable to the ratchet head by connecting/disconnecting the drive shaft of the ~~ratchet~~ handle to/from the drive shaft of the ratchet head via the extension shaft ~~and by~~, connecting/disconnecting the threaded drive extension sleeve mounting collar mounted on the handle to/from the threaded interface and by connecting/disconnecting the interface thread ~~sleeve mounting collar~~ to/from the threaded collar of the ratchet head.

18. (currently amended) The improved power assisted lever arm ratchet wrench according to claim 17 in which said extension sleeve and extension shaft are approximately six to thirty inches in length.

19-33 (cancelled)

34. (currently amended) The improved power assisted lever arm ratchet wrench according to claim 17 wherein a plurality of extension shafts and corresponding extension sleeves of different sizes are provided defining an extension kit.

35. (cancelled)

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hadi Shakeri whose telephone number is 571-272-4495. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica S. Carter can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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